

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have been provided with Landline/Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telephone connections during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(b) the total number of villages in the country yet to be provided with telephone connections along with the break-up thereof, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) A statement indicating the year-wise/state-wise details of VPTs provided during the last three years (2005-06 to 2007-08) and during the current year 2008-09 (upto 31.08.2008) is given in Annexure-I.

(b) As on 31st August, 2008, out of 5,93,601 inhabited villages in the country as per Census 2001, 5,30,624 villages have been provided with Village Public Telephones (VPTs) facility. Circle-wise details of uncovered villages is given in Annexure-II.